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| APPLICANT: Regine Heilbronn | GROUP NO.: 1636 |
| SERIAL NO.: 09/720,252 | EXAMINER: G. Leffers, Jr. |
| FILED: April 12, 2001 | CONFIRMATION NO: 5869 |
| FOR: <i>RECOMBINANT HERPES VIRUSES FOR PREPARING RECOMBINANT ADENO-ASSOCIATED VIRUSES</i> | |

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application.

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time to respond, bringing the due date to December 1, 2004, which is within the 6-month statutory period for response. A check to cover the requisite fee is enclosed; however, as provided below, please charge Deposit Account 04-1105 for any deficiency or required fee that may be omitted.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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